Westland Helicopters

*9. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMARAO PATIL;

SHRI A.. 'J. KULKARNI;

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased fo refe$_r$ to the answer to Unstarred Question 637 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March 1990 and state;

(a) whether the Hussainy Commit tee appointed for examining various operational [safety aspects of Westlan-i Helicopters has since submitted its' re port and if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that ONGC is incurring huge losses because of the grounding of these holicopters and whether Government have decided ed to make alternate arrangements to enable ONGC to pursue its work?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) (a) Yes, Sir. The report i$_s$ unde$_r$ examination.

(b) ONGC his experienced difficulties in respect of crew movement to their off-shore installations. Pawan Hans is assisting the ONGC by redeploying' Dauphin fleet and ty operating additional hours thereon. ONGC have also been permitted to hire two S-61N helicopters from abroad for a period of three months.

Enforcement of Pharmacy Act

*10. SHRI N. E. BALARAM. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) when section as of the pharmacy Act, 1948 insisting that 'no person othe$_r$ than registered Fharmicists shall compound, prepare, mix or dispense any medicine' came into force;

(b) whether it is a fact that this section la not being strictly enforced by the Central Government as yet; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what step$_s$ are proposed to be taken for strict enforcement of this section throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRl RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Section 4:, ' of the Pharmacy Act, j 943 came into force fro!" 1. 9. 1984, except i$_n$ West Bengal where it was enforced w. e. f. 1. 9. 1986.

(b) and (c) The State Governments are responsible for the impelmenia-
tion of the provisions of Pharmacy Act, 1948 including Section 42 of the said Act, Th$_e$ Union Government has asked all States/Union Territor-y Governments, to extend financial assistance to their respective State Oouricils so as to enable them to appoint inspectors who can strictly enforce the provisions of the Pharmacy Acr, 1984 including section 42 of !he said Act.

Cost and sale price of coal

*ll. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 564 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 1989 and state:

(a) what steps Government are taking to reduc$_e$ the cost of production of coal: and

(b) how do these prices compare with international prices of coal in under-develooed and developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN). (a) Some of the major step? being taken to bring down th$_e$ cost of production are as follows: —

(i) Improved manpower planning including redeployment of surplus workers $_{an}$d restricting th$_e$ intake of new employees against vacancies caused by natural wastage.